

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Notice of Allowance dated November 19, 2004. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action for this Application.

The Examiner issued a Notice of Allowance on November 19, 2004. Since the issuance of the Notice of Allowance, Applicant became aware of other documents not considered during examination of this Application. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests continued examination of this Application so that the attached Information Disclosure Statement and the documents cited therein can be considered by the Examiner during examination of this Application.

Attached herewith is a check in an amount of \$790.00 made payable to the "Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks" to satisfy the request for continued examination fee of 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e).

CONCLUSION

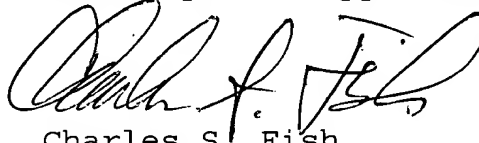
Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place the Application in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and full allowance of all pending claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any amount required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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